

## Aggressive Driving

Table 32 shows information about collisions in Idaho from 2002 through 2006 involving aggressive driving. The behaviors that define aggressive driving are: failure to yield right of way, passed stop sign, exceeded posted speed, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, and disregarded signal. Aggressive driving is not to be confused with road rage, which is a deliberate and violent act against another driver and is a criminal offense.

An officer may indicate up to three contributing circumstances for each vehicle in a collision. Thus the total number of fatalities and injuries attributed to these behaviors in the top portion of the table do not equal the sum of the fatalities and injuries attributed to individual behaviors in the bottom of the table.

<b>Table 32</b> <b>Aggressive Driving Collisions: 2002-2006</b>							
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Change 2005-2006	Avg. Change 2002-2005
Total Aggressive Driving Collisions	15,066	14,649	15,934	15,572	13,037	-16.3%	1.2%
Fatalities	138	128	116	133	116	-12.8%	-0.7%
Serious Injuries	963	838	867	975	902	-7.5%	1.0%
Visible Injuries	3,223	2,895	2,614	2,511	2,399	-4.5%	-7.9%
Possible Injuries	5,023	5,065	5,519	5,295	4,858	-8.3%	1.9%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	373	353	356	391	396	1.3%	1.8%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	357	311	334	404	303	-25.0%	5.2%
Exceeded Posted Speed	184	133	129	168	173	3.0%	-0.2%
Following Too Close	106	95	122	114	111	-2.6%	3.8%
Passed Stop Sign	127	97	65	59	71	20.3%	-21.9%
Disregarded Signal	44	53	44	65	56	-13.8%	17.1%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVM T	7.65	6.52	6.63	7.40	6.67	-9.9%	-0.5%
* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each collision							

In 2006, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 54% of all collisions in Idaho. While 69% of all aggressive driving collisions occur in urban areas, 68% of the fatal aggressive driving collisions occur in rural areas. Only 22% of all aggressive driving collisions involved a single vehicle, while 42% of fatal aggressive driving collisions involved only one vehicle. Of the 42 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 36 (or 86%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of collisions involving aggressive driving was \$875.9 million dollars in 2006. This represents 49% of the total costs of Idaho collisions (as shown in Table 4).

## Involvement in Aggressive Driving Collisions by Driver Age

Table 33 shows the involvement in aggressive driving collisions by driver age. Drivers ages 19 and younger were 4.1 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving collisions as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 2.0 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in aggressive driving collisions. (Note: the odds ratios above compare the involvement of a group of drivers to the involvement of all other drivers combined) Drivers between the ages of 15 and 22 represent more than one-third of the drivers involved in aggressive driving collisions.

<b>Table 33</b> <b>Involvement in Aggressive Driving Collisions by Drivers Age: 2006</b>								
Age	Licensed Drivers		Drivers in All Aggressive Driving Collisions			Drivers in Fatal and Injury Aggressive Driving Collisions		
	Number	%	Number	%	Involvement*	Number	%	Involvement*
0-14	0	0.0%	42	0.3%		25	0.4%	
15	4,166	0.4%	241	1.8%	4.4	107	1.9%	4.7
16	11,423	1.1%	641	4.8%	4.3	260	4.7%	4.1
17	15,717	1.6%	745	5.6%	3.6	290	5.2%	3.3
18	16,758	1.7%	801	6.0%	3.6	330	5.9%	3.6
19	17,974	1.8%	631	4.7%	2.7	265	4.8%	2.7
20	18,488	1.8%	560	4.2%	2.3	247	4.4%	2.4
21	17,255	1.7%	516	3.9%	2.3	200	3.6%	2.1
22	18,586	1.8%	452	3.4%	1.8	183	3.3%	1.8
23	19,273	1.9%	418	3.1%	1.6	171	3.1%	1.6
24	19,699	2.0%	393	3.0%	1.5	143	2.6%	1.3
25-34	177,445	17.6%	2,509	18.9%	1.1	1,100	19.8%	1.1
35-44	177,640	17.6%	1,700	12.8%	0.7	697	12.5%	0.7
45-54	194,866	19.3%	1,432	10.8%	0.6	606	10.9%	0.6
55-64	151,904	15.1%	989	7.4%	0.5	403	7.2%	0.5
65-74	87,530	8.7%	506	3.8%	0.4	226	4.1%	0.5
75+	59,292	5.9%	522	3.9%	0.7	243	4.4%	0.7
Not Stated or Other			197	1.5%		65	1.2%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,008,016</b>		<b>13,295</b>			<b>5,561</b>		
<i>* Involvement is calculated by dividing the percent of collisions by the percent of licensed drivers.  Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.</i>								